Assistant Professor - History of Islamic Art and Architecture

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Faculty/Division: University of Toronto Mississauga
Department: UTM: Visual Studies
Hospital Affiliation: [custHospitalAffiliation]
Campus: University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)

Description:
The Department of Visual Studies at the University of Toronto Mississauga invites applications for a full-time tenure stream appointment in the History of Islamic Art and Architecture. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and commence on July 1, 2021, or shortly thereafter.

The Department welcomes applications from historians of Islamic Art and Architecture whose research focuses on the pre- and early modern eras. Applicants must have earned a PhD in the History of Art or a closely related discipline by the date of appointment or shortly thereafter, with a demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

Excellence in research is demonstrated by the quality of the writing sample, the submitted research statement, publications in top-ranked and field-relevant academic journals and books, or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, research collaborations, presentations at major conferences, fellowships, awards, and accolades, and strong endorsements by referees of high standing.

Excellence in teaching will be demonstrated through teaching accomplishments and a teaching dossier, including a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations submitted as part of the application, as well as letters of reference. The successful candidate will be expected to demonstrate innovative approaches to pedagogy and mentoring, experience with online teaching, and the ability to teach a geographical and chronological range of courses in Islamic art and architecture.

We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and reinforce our existing departmental strengths (see https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/dvs/faculty). The successful candidate will play an important role in undergraduate teaching in the Department’s programs, which include Art & Art History (a combined studio and art history degree) and Curatorial Studies, and will be expected to teach a survey of Islamic art as well as upper-level courses in Islamic art and architecture. The candidate also will be appointed to and teach in a graduate unit at the University of Toronto St. George campus, such as Art History (https://arthistory.utoronto.ca/) or Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (https://nmc.utoronto.ca/). The University of Toronto offers the opportunity to teach, conduct research, and live in one of the most diverse metropolitan areas in the world.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All qualified applicants are invited to apply online by clicking on the following link: https://jobs.utoronto.ca/job/Mississauga-Assistant-Professor-History-of-Islamic-Art-and-Architecture-ON/541242817/. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (including
a statement of teaching philosophy, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations supporting teaching quality and experience), a statement outlining current and future research interests, and a substantial writing sample (e.g., an article or book chapter). Because equity and diversity are among UTM’s core values and are essential to academic excellence, we seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching, and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore asked to submit a 1–2-page statement about their contributions to equity and diversity, covering such topics as: research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities; the development of inclusive pedagogies; the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups; and other relevant activities.

Applicants must provide the names and contact information of three references, who will be prompted to upload their letters of recommendation. The University of Toronto’s recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each once an application is submitted. Applicants, however, remain responsible for ensuring that reference letters (on letterhead, signed, and dated) are submitted by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. We recommend combining attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Kait Harper at dvscchair.utm@utoronto.ca. For more information about the Department of Visual Studies, please visit https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/dvs/.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by September 30, 2020.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

**Diversity Statement**

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

**Accessibility Statement**

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.